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This communication is in response to the request to reset the reply period received June 8, 2001. The delay in response is regretted.

Applicant's request to reset the time period under MPEP§ 710.06 for the reasons "...the examiner rejected claims in the application on the basis of newly cited references (specifically Theimer, Heinlein, Budd, and Tiller)" and wherein "The Examiner however failed to provide copies of the newly cited references", is Denied.

It is noted that contrary to applicant's assertion, the Heinlein, Budd and Tiller references were NOT relied upon for grounds of rejection, but were rather merely made of record and NOT relied upon. Therefore, these three references were not required for applicant to respond to the outstanding Office action. It is noted that the Theimer (newly cited) was relied upon for the rejection of claims 27-31. However, this particular piece of art was cited by applicant in paper #8. Thus it was unnecessary for the Examiner to forward a copy back to applicant.

Therefore, given that the newly cited art was either not needed for response, or should have already been in applicant's possession, the request for resetting the reply period is Denied.

The status of the application is as follows. Applicant admits receipt of a remailed final rejection (mail date of 5/08/01). Given that the time period for response to a Final rejection continues to run for 6 months after the mailing of the Final Rejection, even after an applicant response, and given the fact that applicant has provided no response to the remailed Final Rejection other than the aforementioned request, the maximum time period for response expired November 8, 2001. Therefore, the application's status is that it is abandoned. A notice of Abandonment will follow shortly.

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